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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR PDIP LA JA
SUBJECT: SEIICHI SUGIE MURDER CASE

REF: A 77 VIENTIANE 1687, B 77 TOKYO 19984

1. THE AMBASSADOR OF A NON-ALIGNED NATION TOLD US
FEBRUARY 14 THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY "THE LAO" THAT IN
1977 JAPANESE AMBASSADOR YANO HAD REFUSED TO CONSENT TO
THE EXPULSION OF TWO JAPANESE CITIZENS FROM LAOS.

2. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, SEIICHI SUGIE, WHO ALONG
WITH MRS. SUGIE WAS MURDERED IN VIENTIANE CHRISTMAS
MORNING 1977, DID CONSENT TO THE EXPULSION WHILE HE WAS
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES DURING AMBASSADOR YANO'S ABSENCE IN
EARLY DECEMBER 1977.

3. COMMENT: REF A INDICATED THAT SUGIE MAY HAVE
PLAYED A ROLE IN THE RETURN OF AT LEAST ONE JAPANESE
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CITIZEN TO JAPAN. THIS IS THE FIRST REPORT WE HAVE
RECEIVED THAT THE INITIATIVE FOR THE SUPPOSED DEPARTURE
OF A JAPANESE CITIZEN(S) MAY HAVE COME FROM THE LAO.
THE EMBASSY IS NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON THE
CREDIBILITY OF THIS REPORT.
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